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SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: OSI WORKING GROUP MEETING,
JUNE 2 AND 5, 1978

1. SUMMARY: WORKING GROUP MET JUNE 2 AND 5 TO DISCUSS US
AND SOV DEL ILLUSTRATIVE TEXTS ON OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS.
HECKROTTE (US) ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF REASONS FOR
DIFFERENT FORMULATIONS INTRODUCED BY SOV DEL. DISCUSSION
WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL, WITH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF
DIFFERENCES ON SEVERAL POINTS. MOST SIGNIFICANT DISAGREE-
MENT WAS ON NATURE OF HOST PARTY PARTICIPATION IN OSI,
WITH BEZUMOV (USSR) INSISTING THAT ALL ACTIVITIES SHOULD
BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY. END SUMMARY

2. AT JUNE 2 MEETING HECKROTTE SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND SOVIET DEL ILLUSTRATIVE TEXTS
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FOR SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS.
HECKROTTE ASKED WHETHER US DEL WAS CORRECT IN INTERPRETING
PARAGRAPH 1(A) AS MEANING THAT DESIGNATED PERSONNEL HAD
RIGHT TO CONFIRM THAT THE AREA TO WHICH THEY WERE TAKEN
WAS THE AREA THAT WAS AGREED TO DURING CONSULTATION, AND
BEZUMOV AGREED THAT IT DID. ON REASON FOR DELETING
CLAUSE PERMITTING ACCESS TO ALL LOCATIONS, BEZUMOV SAID

THIS IDEA WAS ALREADY INCLUDED IN PROVISION FOR UNOBSTRUCTED VISUAL SURVEY. BEZUMOV ALSO EXPLAINED THAT PHRASE "CLARIFIED WITH GREATER PRECISION" IN PARA 3 OF VERIFICATION AGREEMENT WAS NOT INTENDED TO INFRINGE RIGHT TO BRING EQUIPMENT SPECIFIED IN PARA 3 OF ANNEX AND THAT FOR PRE-AGREED TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, ONLY A NOTIFICATION OF THE SPECIFIC MODELS WOULD BE REQUIRED. HE ALSO SAID THAT SOVIET LANGUAGE IN PARA 4 OF AGREEMENT WAS INTENDED TO ALLOW FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS IN JCS INSTEAD OF DEVELOPING THEM ON AD HOC BASIS AT TIME OF OSI REQUEST. HECKROTTE EMPHASIZED THAT ADDITIONAL DRAFTING WORK WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RESOLVE WHAT APPEARED TO BE RELATIVELY MINOR DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION.

3. MOST SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE OF VIEW WAS ON SOVIET PROVISIONS THAT HOST PERSONNEL "PARTICIPATE JOINTLY" IN ALL INSPECTION PROCEDURES. BEZUMOV STRESSED THAT HOST WOULD BE THE MOST INTERESTED IN PROVING THAT NO NUCLEAR EXPLOSION HAD OCCURRED AND WOULD WANT TO BE SURE THAT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF INSPECTORS WERE OBJECTIVE. IF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL ARRIVED AT CONCLUSIONS THAT DID NOT AGREE WITH THOSE OF THE HOST PARTY, THEN IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO REQUEST THAT THE WHOLE OSI PROCESS BE REPEATED. FAKLEY (UK) AND HECKROTTE POINTED OUT THAT THE HOST PARTY WOULD KNOW FOR SURE WHETHER OR NOT THE EVENT IN QUESTION WAS A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION AND THAT THE REQUESTING PARTY HAD
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TO BE ABLE TO MAKE AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE FACTS.

4. AT JUNE 5 MEETING, DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON FIRST PART OF ILLUSTRATIVE TEXTS OF ANNEX TO SEPARATE AGREEMENT. BEZUMOV SAID PHRASE IN US TEXT DEFINING MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL "PRESENT AT THE INSPECTION AREA" WAS UNCLEAR AND RAISED A QUESTION AS TO HOW MANY ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WOULD BE PRESENT OUTSIDE THE INSPECTION AREA AND WHERE. HE SAID THERE WAS NO NEED FOR US PROVISION TO EXTEND INSPECTION PERIOD IF UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INTERFERED WITH THE INSPECTION, SINCE OTHER PROVISIONS ALLOWED ANY TIME PERIOD TO BE EXTENDED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

5. ON THE FIRST TIER EQUIPMENT LISTED IN PARA 3 OF THE ANNEX, BEZUMOV AGREED, IN RESPONSE TO HECKROTTE'S QUESTION, THAT THE EQUIPMENT SPECIFIED IN THE SOVIET TEXT WOULD INCLUDE ANY NECESSARY SUPPORT AND CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT. ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SOVIET EQUIPMENT LIST, HECKROTTE ASKED WHY THE SOVIETS HAD NOT INCLUDED THE SINGLE COMPONENT SEISMOMETER. BEZUMOV REPLIED THAT BY THE TIME A SEISMOMETER COULD BE EMPLACED THERE WOULD BE NO AFTERSHOCKS TO DETECT, AND IN ANY CASE, A SINGLE COMPONENT SEISMOMETER

COULD EASILY BE SUPPLIED BY THE HOST PARTY IF DESIRED.

6. FINALLY, IN EXPLAINING WHY SOVIET DRAFT DID NOT PROVIDE FOR DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TAKING SAMPLES TO THEIR COUNTRY FOR ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS, BEZUMOV TURNED DISCUSSION BACK TO ISSUE OF HOW OSI SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT. HE ASSERTED THAT ALL NECESSARY DATA COULD BE OBTAINED ON SITE WITH EQUIPMENT BROUGHT BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. ANY ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS NECESSARY COULD BE CARRIED OUT IN HOST LABORATORY; OTHERWISE IT COULD NOT BE ASSURED THAT ANALYSIS WAS OBJECTIVE. HECKROTTE AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT JOINT ANALYSIS COULD NOT ENABLE REQUESTING PARTY TO FORM AN INDEPENDENT JUDGEMENT

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AND THEREFORE WAS NOT ADEQUATE.

7. COMPLETION OF INITIAL DISCUSSION OF DIFFERENCES IN OSI TEXTS WAS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 7. WARNKE

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